

GALATIANS - THE GOSPEL OF FREEDOM
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2017
11 A.M.

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP Joyce Perry
 Grace to you and peace from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ.
Praises to you, our strength and our salvation, Jesus the Lord.
 He gave himself for our sins to rescue us from this present evil age.
To Him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

HYMN Come Christians, Join to Sing UMH 158
 Come, Christians, join to sing: Alleluia! Amen!
 loud praise to Christ our King: Alleluia! Amen!
 Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;
 praise is his gracious choice. Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high: Alleluia! Amen!
 Let praises fill the sky: Alleluia! Amen!
 He is our guide and friend; to us he'll condescend;
 his love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet the Lord again: Alleluia! Amen!
 Life shall not end the strain: Alleluia! Amen!
 On heaven's blissful shore his goodness we'll adore,
 singing forevermore: Alleluia! Amen!

OPENING PRAYER Joyce Perry
 Remember, Prince of Peace, the peoples of the world divided into many
 nations and languages, diverse faiths and customs. Deliver us from
 every evil that obstructs your saving purpose, and fulfill your promise to
 establish your kingdom of peace.
 From the curse of war and all that creates it, **O LORD, DELIVER US.**
 From believing and speaking lies against other nations and traditions,
O LORD, DELIVER US.
 From narrow loyalties and selfish isolation, **O LORD, DELIVER US.**
 From fear of others who are "strange" to us and from all false pride and
 self-conceit, **O LORD, DELIVER US.**
 From the lust of riches that drives peaceful people to slaughter,
O LORD, DELIVER US.
 From putting our trust in the weapons of war and from lack of faith in
 the power of justice and good will, **O LORD, DELIVER US.**
 From every thought, word, and deed that separate us from the perfect
 work of your love, **O LORD, DELIVER US.**
Come Holy Spirit and lead us to walk in your ways
Now and forever. Amen.

GLORIA PATRI UMH 70

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Rhonda Tucker

SCRIPTURE *Galatians 2:1-2, 6-16, 20*

SERMON *UNs Are INs: How Faith Frees Us All*
From Our Sins Pastor Jay

HYMN *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* UMH 384, v. 1-3
 Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down;
 fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown!
 Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;
 visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast!
 Let us all in thee inherit; let us find that second rest.
 Take away our bent to sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
 end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive; suddenly return
 and never, nevermore thy temples leave. Thee we would be always
 blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above, pray and praise thee without
 ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

PRAYER, CONFESSION, AND PARDON
Lord of heaven and earth, you are the way of peace. By your Son,
Jesus Christ, you grant us entrance to your glorious presence.
Please come now into the brokenness of our lives and our
land with your healing love. Help us to bow before you in true
repentance - to turn back to your way of mercy and justice. Help
us to bow to one another in real forgiveness - to turn to each other
with your love and grace. By the fire of your Holy Spirit, melt our
hard hearts and consume the pride and greed that separate us.
Fill us, O Lord, with your perfect love, which casts out our fear,
and bind us together in that unity which you share with the Father
and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

(silent confession)

Hear the gospel: God sent his Son, Jesus, into the world not to condemn
 the world but that the world might be saved through him. In the name
 of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.

THE PEACE

OFFERTORY *Be Still and Know* Chancel Choir

DOXOLOGY UMH 95

HOLY COMMUNION
 Call to the Table:
 Let us stand well. Let us stand in awe. Let us be attentive, that we may
 offer this holy offering in peace.
Mercy and peace, our sacrifice of praise.

The Great Thanksgiving UMH 15

The Lord's Prayer UMH 865

*Giving the Bread and Cup

Prayer After Receiving:
Jesus, once and for all you poured out your life for us. Again and
again we thank you and receive your body and blood. Send us out
to pour ourselves out with such joyous abandon that your love is
always known, the Spirit's power always felt and the Almighty's
will to save never in doubt. Amen.

HYMN *Forward Through the Ages* UMH 555, v. 1 & 3
 Forward through the ages, in unbroken line, move the faithful spirits
 at the call divine; gifts in differing measure, hearts of one accord,
 manifold the service, one the sure reward. Forward through the ages,
 in unbroken line, move the faithful spirits at the call divine.

Not alone we conquer, not alone we fall; in each loss or triumph
 lose or triumph all. Bound by God's far purpose in one living whole,
 move we on together to the shining goal. Forward through the ages, in
 unbroken line, move the faithful spirits at the call divine.

BLESSING

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

*Gluten-free communion is offered to anyone who desires it; when you come
 up to the altar, let the server know you would like the gluten-free elements.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

The flowers on the altar are given by George Schneider in memory of
 his son-in-law, Bryan King.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Ushers	Kelly and Mary Martha Allen, Rhonda Tucker, Natalie Cooper
Host(s)	Joyce Perry

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sunday, February 5
 GROCERY BAG SUNDAY
 7:50 a.m. Early Bird Choir, Choir Room
 5:00 p.m. Youth, 207 Admin Building
 5:00 p.m. Winter Bible Study, Library

Monday, February 6
 9:00 a.m. Ladies Covenant Group, Parlor
 3:00 p.m. Men's Covenant Group, Library
 3:30 p.m. The Shepherd's Market, FLC
 5:00 p.m. Ladies Covenant Group, Parlor

Tuesday, February 7
 8:15 a.m. Worship in the Market, FLC
 9:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, FLC
 9:30 a.m. Ruth Circle UMW, Parlor

Wednesday, February 8
 4:00 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, Parlor
 5:00 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, FLC-A
 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir, Choir Room
 6:30 p.m. Alpha Bells, Sanctuary
 7:17 p.m. 717 Group, George's Southside

Thursday, February 9
 6:45 a.m. Men's Prayer Group, Parlor
 8:30 a.m. Holy Folders, Library
 9:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, FLC
 10:00 a.m. VIPS Training, Library
 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, FLC

Friday, February 10
 OFFICE CLOSED
 8:30 a.m. Food Bank Delivery, FLC

Saturday, February 11
 8:30 a.m. Prime Timers Breakfast, Essen Piccadilly
 9:00 a.m. Days for Girls
 12:00 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC-C

A JOY FOR ST. JOHN'S!

We are so blessed to have celebrated the baptism of Anna Katherine
 Boies on Sunday, January 15, 2017, with big brother, Brandt, and
 parents, Barry and Julie Boies.

DAYS FOR GIRLS 2017!
FAMILY LIFE CENTER - 9 A.M.

Saturday, February 11 is the final workday in this session of the Days
 for Girls project. There will still be plenty to do, so all are welcome. **The**
following donations are needed: (1) cash to purchase fabric, (2) new
 girls cotton panties sizes 10, 12, or, 14 in dark to medium colors, solids or
 flowers, no character or animal prints, (3) new colored washcloths, (4)
 Ziploc brand gallon sized freezer bags, (NO slide closures), (5) "hotel"
 soap. For more information contact Joyce Perry, 763-6613 or joyce.
 perry@cox.net. Check out their website at www.daysforgirls.org.

PRAYER REQUEST FORM

Date _____

Joy Concern

Please share with the prayer team
 Please share with Pastors only
 I desire a call
 I desire a visit

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

You may also email a prayer request
 to: prayers@stjohnsbr.org

"Do not be anxious about anything, but
 in everything, by prayer and
 petition, with thanksgiving, present
 your requests to God."

Philippians 4:6

WELCOME

If you would like someone to follow up with you please fill out the information below and place in the offering plate.

- I am just visiting today.
- I am new to the area and am looking for a church home.
- I would like more information about the United Methodist Church and St. John's.
- I am interested in Baptism or Confirmation.
- I am interested in Children's Ministries.
- I am interested in Youth Ministries.
- I am interested in College/ Young Adult Ministries.
- I would like to receive email communications about church life.
- I would like a call from a pastor.

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Children (Names & Ages): _____

UMW

The Ruth Circle UMW will meet **Tuesday, February 7** at 9 a.m. in the parlor. The program on the disciple, Peter, will be presented by Judy Koonce. All women are invited to attend.

MISSION OPPORTUNITY ST. MARK'S UMC IN NEW ORLEANS

St. John's is once again leading a team to St. Mark's to help in its mission to the homeless and hungry! A mission trip is planned for **Friday, April 21 - Sunday, April 23**. The team is limited to 20 persons so folks are urged to register before April 1. Registration fee of \$100 (checks made out to Larry Norman) should accompany the registration form. Registration forms are available in the church office and on our website www.stjohnsbr.org/pdfs/StMarksMission_2017.pdf. For more information contact Larry at 933-1881 or lduckn@aol.com.

MISSING TABLECLOTHS

The UMW is missing some of the white rectangular tablecloths that we use during receptions, etc. If you are one of the volunteers who brought some home to be washed and forgot to return them, please bring them to the kitchen in the Family Life Center.

KAIROS #62 - ANGOLA

Larry Norman will be participating in the Kairos #62 team to Angola **March 9 - 12**. Kairos #62 will need team members, prayer warriors, cookie bakers, and monetary donations. St. John's! Start baking! Cookie baking guides are available in the church office and online at the Kairos Angola web site <https://listenlistenlovelove.com/cookies>. Look for further information in future church communications.

ST. JOHN'S T-SHIRTS

A table will be set up during coffee time to sell the short-sleeved t-shirts. The cost is \$10. They are also available in the office during the week.

The long-sleeved t-shirts have arrived. If you ordered a t-shirt, you can pick it up during coffee time or in the office during the week.

THANKS, ST. JOHN'S

From John and Sheila Eeds: John and I would like to thank everyone who donated items for our daughter, Sharon, and her family. As many of you know they had a fire at their house in early November. They are looking at moving back in in another week or so.

From Rebecca and Steven Bellelo: Thank you for the lovely white rose in honor of Carter James, and for the sweet basket of baby items and clothes. Your generosity and prayers for our family during this special time have meant so much. We are very grateful for our St. John's family, and to see baby Carter grow in Christ in this special congregation. ...

From Ed and Lucille Dixon: Once again, we would like to take the opportunity to thank you for the Love offering that you so mercifully granted us in the pursuit of much needed transportation. We are so honored to have been blessed by the congregation. We are eternally grateful, your gift of Love has brightened our lives in ways we couldn't have foreseen ...

SERMON NOTES

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Remember to pray for **The Walk**.
“...for we walk by faith, not by sight.”
- 2 Corinthians 5:7
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THE GOSPEL OF FREEDOM

Sunday, February 5, 2017
11 a.m. Worship Service

Mission Statement

We are a Christian community called to share our gifts through worship, witness and service so that others will know God and become disciples of Jesus Christ.